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SUBJECT: VISIT OF COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO GUATEMALA

1. DURING A VISIT TO GUATEMALA WHICH BEGAN JULY 11, COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALO FACIO MET WITH HIS GUATEMALAN COUNTERPART, ADOLFO MOLINA ORANTES, AND WITH PRESIDENT KJELL LAUGERUD. FACIO OFFERED LAUGERUD OFFICIAL INVITATION TO VISIT COSTA RICA AND TOLD REPORTERS THAT SAUGERUD AGREED TO ACCEPT AFTER HE COMPLETED ORGANIZATION OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. FACIO TOLD LOCAL PRESS THAT PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS OF TALKS WITH LAUGERUD AND MOLINA WERE RESTRUCTURING OF CACM, COOPERATION IN RESOLVING EL SALVADOR-HONDURAS DISPUTE, BANANA TAX AND LOS MATERS. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON BELIZE, FACIO TOLD REPORTERS THERE HAD BEEN MISINTERPRETATION OF HIS
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REMARKS ON THAT SUBJECT ON OCCASION OF BELIZEAN PRIME MINISTER

PRICE'S RECENT VISIT TO COSTA RICA. FACIO ASSERTED THAT PRICE HAD NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY RECEIVED IN SAN JOSE AND THAT COSTA RICA CONTINUES RESPECT THE CLAIM OF GUATEMALA TO SOVEREIGNTY OVER BELIZE. IN REGARD TO CUBA FACIO EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH THE "FLEXIBLE" POSITION OF MOLINA ORANTES, ADDING THAT SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA HAVE NO LEGAL JUSTIFICATION IF IT IS SHOWN THAT CUBA HAS DESISTED FROM INTERVENTION IN POLITICAL LIFE OF NATIONS OF THE REGION. ON BANANA ISSUE, FACIO SAID HE FOUND GUATEMALA RECEPTIVE TO PARTICIPATION IN UPEB.
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